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Dear Ms. Henry,

The Missouri Recycling Association is pleased to offer a letter of support to MMSWMD Region H regarding its Solid Waste District funding option.

Minimally funded Districts struggle to secure enough funds to adequately support grants submitted for recycling initiatives and infrastructure requirements. The proposal to challenge all Solid Waste Districts to review and modify the current language in bylaws which prohibit funding grants outside of the District, or are structured to penalize applications submitted outside of the District, will prove to be a beneficial funding option.

Additionally, the bylaws change will assist the Missouri Recycling Association's *Strive for 75%* waste diversion campaign designed to move Missouri to 75% waste diversion by 2025. Allowing Districts to apply for additional funding through an unrestricted grant process will help them reach their supporting diversion goals ultimately benefiting all Missouri residents.

The proposed funding option signifies Region H's commitment to recycling, proactive leadership, collaboration, and a continued interest in supporting and celebrating the success of all Solid Waste Districts.

Respectfully,

Sue Noel
President, Missouri Recycling Association